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RYBAT CALL CAWHISPER

1. C 22 JAN. ON 20 JANUARY

RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM CAWHISPER-16 WHO HAD LEARNED THAT SPIEGEL PREPARING ATTACK C-16 BECAUSE OF WARTIME ACTIVITY AS PROSECUTOR IN MUENSTER. C-16 UPSET AND ASKED C ATTEMPT PREVENT PUBLICATION.

2. C DISCUSSED WITH SPIEGEL BUSINESS MANAGER HANS

DETLEV BECKER, WHOSE REACTION WAS WOULD NOT INTERVENE ON

BEHALF C-16 WHO ACCORDING BECKER NEVER COOPERATIVE WITH SPIEGEL. BECKER SAID ARTICLE "NOT TOO BAD" BUT WOULD MENTION THREE EXTREMELY HARSH SENTENCES, INCLUDING DEATH SENTENCE,

WHICH C-16 HAD DEMANDED IN TREASON CASES HE PROSECUTED. C

RELAYED MESSAGE TO C-16 WHO SAID HAD NEVER DEMANDED ANY DEATH SENTENCES. SAID HAD SOMETIMES ASKED FOR STIFF SENTENCES BUT THIS DESIGNED PUT PEOPLE IN PRISON RATHER THAN HAVE THEM SENT TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS.

3. C CALLED C 22 JANUARY TO SEE IF ANYTHING COULD BE DONE PREVENT PUBLICATION. C INFORMED C

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HIS OPINION FUTILE ATTEMPT TRY DISSUADE SPIEGEL FROM PUBLISHING.

C THEN INFORMED THAT C-16 HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH
MINISTER GENSCHER 21 JANUARY. ACCORDING GENSCHER TOLD
C-16 BEST COURSE FOR HIM TO TAKE WOULD BE RESIGN.

4. ARTICLE, WHICH WELL-DOCUMENTED AND RATHER DEVASTATING
(ALTHOUGH NO MENTION ALLEGED DEATH SENTENCES) APPEARS IN 24
JANUARY ISSUE OF SPIEGEL.

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